

**SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION**

**SALEM, CONNECTICUT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**August 17, 2009**

**Present**

Bob Appleby      Peter Lee  
Kim Bingham      Al Giansanti  
Sue Spang/Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

**Absent**

Jim Burke      Pam Henry  
Joe Dalton      Rich Cirillo

**Guests**

Don Bordeaux

**Call to order:**

Chair person Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

**1. Minutes:**

B. Appleby noted July minutes 5. New Business, a. 10 Year Forsyth Plan states "The soccer club will be donating a Carefree Building at the Forsyth Rd Recreation area."

Amended July minutes will read 5. New Business a. 10 year Forsyth Plan "The soccer club will purchase a Carefree Building for their use at the Forsyth Rd Recreation area.", from the July minutes, page 2, New Business, a.

**M/S/C (Bingham/Lee) to approve July minutes as amended. Vote: Unanimous**

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

S. Spang reported the expenses to date have been for "Programs".  
Soccer and baseball payments will be dispersed.  
Invoice has been sent for "War at the Shore" field use.  
Funding of \$5,600.00 was approved by the BOF for tennis court lighting electrical work. Two additional quotes are needed due to the town's new purchase order system.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Bingham) to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote: All approved.**

**3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:**

Don Bordeau Report:

Mowing will be done on the Rt 82 field for the Cato Rocket Club.

**4. Additions and Revisions:**

S. Spang added "g. Drinking Fountain/Water Issues at RHR Complex" to New Business.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Bingham) to add "g. Drinking Fountain/Water Issues at RHR Complex" to new business. Vote: All approved.**

**5. New Business:**

**a. 10 Year Forsyth Plan**

The 10 Year Forsyth Plan has been submitted to Wetlands. In September the Commission will go back to IWCC. The plan will be presented to P&Z after Wetland approval. Site plan, test pits and septic approval will be needed. Site plan approval will be needed by P&Z.

The plan has been endorsed by the Selectman; however a committee will be formed to see if the initial municipal plan use for the Gadbois property is still acceptable.

**b. Press Box Update**

S. Spang reported the Commission asked for guidance on the lack of a site plan for the RHR Complex. The Commission informed P&Z of the plans for the press box and eating area. The plan will be presented to Wetlands Commission.

The press box is approximately 6' x 10', storage height approximately 5 ½ feet with press box on top. The consensus of the Recreation Commission is to also improve the Major League field press box.

A. Giansanti stated there is money available for the softball press box from the Paulino Scholarship Fund if needed.

The concrete pad for the concession stand will be 10' x 10' or 10' by 12'. Three way light switch was discussed for the bathrooms.

Security cameras will be in use on Wednesday July 18. They will cover the driveway and parking lot. "Under Surveillance" signs will be posted. Motion detector lights will be installed.

S. Spang asked A. Giansanti for extra keys for the concession stand. S. Spang asked that the refrigerator and freezer to be unplugged for the seasons when not in use to conserve energy.

A. Giansanti stated he would discuss with snack stand volunteers.

**c. Adult Softball Game**

S. Spang reported the adult softball will be using wooden bats.

**d. Formation of Parking Lot Safety Subcommittee**

Postponed until next month.

**e. Recreation Clerk Report**

D. Weston reported NYC bus trip is filling up. Fall programs are being worked on and might include jewelry making, ballroom dance, computer classes for seniors, Red Cross babysitting and AARP Driver Safety Program. D. Weston also stated the problem with the programs is finding available space in Salem to hold programs.

Discussion also took place for a backboard to be installed at the tennis courts for single use play.

**f. Budget/Custodian**

S. Spang will discuss with the school about the afterhours custodian. She believes the Recreation Commission will be invoiced for the hours.

**g. Drinking Fountain/Water Issues**

Discussion took place about water testing at the RHR facilities. It was the consensus of the Commission to have the water tested.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Giansanti) for water testing to be done at the RHR facilities. Vote: All approved.**

**6. Old Business:**

**a. Baseball**

A. Giansanti reported "Fall Ball" is starting; schedules have been made and include Saturday's and Sunday's. Girl's softball for Salem/Bozrah will also have "Fall Ball".

S. Spang questioned about the AAU teams use of the field and should payment be made for field use.

S. Spang emailed other towns to see how they use handle non-resident use of fields. The majority of towns charge for field use and some charge extra if lights are used.

A. Giansanti will speak to the league and Art Christian and inform them they need a certificate of insurance and a check made out to the Town of Salem for field use. Waived fees need to be presented to the Commission. The field use form will be put on the web site.

**b. Soccer**

Equipment has been moved from RT 82 to Forsyth Rd. There are 7 teams this year for soccer.

61 children participated in the summer camp. It was reported the largest camp in the area.

B. Appleby reported rotation of the fields for age levels will take place to help keep the condition of the fields playable.

RHR field will be available for use by other towns.

**c. Basketball – No reported presented.**

**d. Multi Purpose Path**

The first week in September work will start on the multipurpose path.

**e. Field Outreach**

S. Spang asked "Field Outreach" be changed to "10 Year Forsyth Plan".

**7. Adjournment:**

**M/S/C (Bingham/Giansanti) to adjourn meeting at 9:23pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary